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Those Lazy, Hazy Crazy Days....

By Judith Epstein

The awful, oppressive, hazy, humid weather pretends to be over. I'm afraid it's all a ruse, that it will come back.

I am one of those people, who, despite an air-conditioned office, fans blowing everywhere, and the occasional sea breeze, is hot.

Devils arise in me in the summer that never would dare appear in the winter. I dream of ripping off my clothes and standing in front of an open refrigerator 24 hours a day. I long to ride on the back of a motorcycle at full tilt all night long. I want to pitch myself into the Atlantic from the nearest bridge.

But one does just not do these things every day — too wasteful, dangerous or improper. So, I stand waist deep in the ocean or swimming pool, splashing myself for only momentary relief. The notion of an even sun tan seems absurdly vain now. The watery respite is really of little help, after all, I realize as I climb into my Chevy's black interior for the sickeningly sticky ride back home.

My Scituate apartment offers no refuge, for it is an old place, where the screens refuse to fit the windows and where flies swarm if those are kept open. Convincing myself that it is just as well to keep the hot air out, I take tepid showers. Five of them a day — something I haven't done since my visits home from college.

Other malevolent spirits invade me besides those craving coolness. The worst is the one in the form of insomnia. I lie in

bed awake, a clammy sheet my only covering. I can hear my roommate's even breathing in the next room; she has fallen mercifully into the arms of Morpheus, her own bared limbs flopped obliviously over the side of the bed.

I envy her, and the cat, Scooter, who has fallen over like a thing dead, all fours in the air. I lower myself to the floor and listen for her breath. Her auburn flank still rises and falls, thank God; she'll be 16 years old soon.

Just when I am most acutely uncomfortable, I detect a quickening of the air, the sheet lightning which has been flashing on and off all night like a demented neon sign appears more ominous. I pray for a horrendous thunder storm to clear the air, but the lightning illuminations of my room never worsen and it never rains.

I get out of bed and rummage around gathering my notebooks, my journals, my old reporting pads — the exertion of movement alone makes me sweat — in an effort to occupy myself with something other than the heat. I arrange them all around me and start to read. "Could I have written that only four months ago?" I think, when something bites me, a mosquito, a flea, who knows. I lie back on the pillow, resolutely miserable, until somewhere in the blue hours of morning I awake to find that I have slept a few hours, the impression of a notebook's spiral binding pressed into my cheek.

The worst poltergeist inhab-

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Around Town Hall

CHAIRMAN POMPEO

Due to the resignation of the Chairman Dr. Stephen O'Connor which was accepted by the Board at its last meeting, they voted Dr. Roger Pompeo, Chairman.

LAND FILL NEWS

Board member Marilyn Sweeney met with Mr. Thomas Clougherty of DEQE to check conditions at the Town's Landfill, Tyeryar Landfill, and the Rosano Septage Fill area. In consideration of Mr. Clougherty's comments concerning conditions at the Town's Landfill, and in an effort to extend the life of the Landfill, the Board unanimously voted to ban demolition wastes at the Town's Landfill.

The Board, in conjunction with the Health Agent, Mr. Kevin O'Brien, reminds the citizens the Landfill's hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There are receptacles for paper, glass, aluminum and white metal (appliances, etc.) recycling. Using re-cycling techniques will aid the lifespan of the Sanitary Landfill, which is supervised by Mr. Joseph Laugelle.

At a previous meeting, the Board had voted to disapprove the Town of Hull's School Department dumping of asbestos in the Tyeryar Landfill.

In other business, the Board voted to direct Mr. Tyeryar to have all trucks entering his Landfill covered for the safety of the Townspeople.

DOG BITES

The Board reminds everyone that all dog-bite reports should be made to the Department of Health (383-1664) under State and local statute.

OFFICE HOURS

The Board and its Health Agent have established regular office calling hours for the Agent (8:30-9:30 a.m.) and Wednesday mornings (8:30 a.m. to 12 noon), barring emergencies. These hours have been established to meet the needs of all the citizens of the Town. The office is staffed by Secretarial personnel from the Sewer Department during the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by the Health Department's Secretary from 1-4:30 p.m.

DEADLINE

The Board has instituted a policy that all materials pertinent to its meetings which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month must be submitted to the Health Department offices at 43 Elm Street, by noon of the preceding Friday. This material includes all plans, applications, appointments in connection with the Agenda.

APPOINTMENT DISCUSSED

The Selectmen and the Board of Health will meet jointly on August 15, 1979, to discuss the appointing of a third member of the Board. The position expires next year. The Board is asking for



volunteers, especially for persons with executive ability.

JURY DUTY

Margery Antoine of Elm Court and Kevin Leary of Forest Avenue have been selected for October civil and criminal jury duty.

ROCK & ROLL

Selectmen have approved a Town Hall Dance, sponsored by the Swim Center, for Aug. 15 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Proceeds from the dance will go toward a teenage pool party for all town teenagers at the Center. The rock and roll music will be played by "Naked Truth," a band from Rhode Island. Two police officers and 12 chaperones will supervise the dance both inside and outside the Town Hall.

CIRCUS SIGN

The permit for the Route 3A South Shore Music Circus sign has been renewed for another year. Building Inspector James Litchfield said the sign is in conformity with town bylaws.

SAND DUNE

Safety Officer James Rhodes requested that the mound of sand at the entrance of Sandy Beach be removed as it blocks driving vision. Selectmen will have Tree and Park Superintendent Peter Laugelle assess the situation.

STONE BREAKWATER

Engineer Richard Dumas from the Disaster Recovery Team discussed the reconstruction of the stone break-

water on the Bellarmine property last week with Selectman Arthur Clark. Dumas expressed the need for Hickey Associates, the engineers for the reconstruction, to have a hearing with the Conservation Commission because the Jesuit property involved are wetlands.

Preliminary plans have been submitted by Hickey Associates for Selectmen's approval, so that bids for construction can be advertised.

Also needed before repairs can begin is a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and an easement from the Jesuits for the work to be done on their land.

Construction will probably be underway in the fall. Clark said, and can be continued in the winter.

PAPA GINO'S

Papa Gino's Restaurant in Cushing Plaza opened for business last week. Although the liquor license hadn't been finally approved in time for the opening, a beer and wine license is forthcoming.

TOWN HALL CLOSED

According to Arthur Clark, an old standing policy closes down the Town Hall in the afternoon when the thermometer reaches 90 degrees. "When it's 90 degrees outside, it's 90 degrees inside," Clark commented of the un-airconditioned Town Hall.

"People will have to come back," he said, of those who had business to attend to at various offices that were closed. The only air-conditioned room in the building is not for the employees, Clark said, but for the computer. Therefore the computer help stays, as does a skeletal crew.

At the Town Hall last Thursday in the brutal heat were the computer room help, Town Accountant William Signorelli, Clark, and clerk Edwina Migliaccio — above and beyonders.

Letters

Recreation & Safety

To the Editor:

As one of the two kayakers who were fortunate to have saved a young swimmer from possible drowning in Cohasset's Mill River on Saturday evening August 4, 1979, I feel that it is important to try to save additional lives, while preserving and maintaining the unique recreational values Mill River affords both kayakers and swimmers during the incoming tide.

The accident was approximately as follows: about half a dozen girls in the age 15 range had been enjoying swimming through the Mill River waves on the rising tide. After several runs under the Border Street bridge, they continued "upriver" until they reached a

private float. The current was swift, and while holding onto a rowboat upstream of the float, the boat flipped and was carried by the current under the float. It was a classical case of entrapment, with the boat's chain crossing the victim's belly and legs, pinning her against the dock. The boat, upside down under the dock, was applying constant pressure against the victim, with the waves slapping water above her mouth. Girlish shrieks of glee changed subtly to dismay. There were no cries of help — everyone was just hysterical.

The rescue itself was reasonably simple, once the boat-

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